

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment, Applicant presents claims 7-9 and 13-15 for allowance. Claims 7, 8, and 13 are amended. Claims 1-6, 10-12, and 16-17 have been cancelled. The Examiner has previously identified claims 7-9 and 13-15 as containing allowable subject matter.

The specification has been amended to correct the errors on page 12 as identified by the Examiner.

As advised by the Examiner, claims 7 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form and recite all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 is amended to omit the term "indexing." Applicant submits that the amendment obviates any properly raised objection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and therefore claim 8 should be allowed as depending from patentable, independent claim 7. Moreover, the rejection of claims 9 and 15 as depending from on an indefinite claim should similarly be withdrawn.

Claims 14 depends on allowable claim 13 and should be patentable for at least the same reasons as set forth in support of claim 13.

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For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that pending claims 7-9 and 13-15 are fully responsive to the Examiner's conditions for allowance and looks forward to an early and favorable response.

Respectfully submitted,

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